

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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WHEELOCK PARKWAY RECONSTRUCTION

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PROJECT ENGINEER, KEVIN NELSON	651-266-6236
SAINT PAUL PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION & STREET DESIGN	651-266-6080
SAINT PAUL PUBLIC WORKS 24-HOUR EMERGENCY	651-266-9700
SAINT PAUL ASSESSMENT OFFICE	651-266-8858
SAINT PAUL PUBLIC WORKS STREET LIGHTING	651-266-9777
SAINT PAUL REGIONAL WATER SERVICES 24-HOUR EMERGENCY & COMPLAINTS	651-266-6874
SAINT PAUL REGIONAL WATER SERVICES, GENERAL INFORMATION, GRAEME CHAPLE	651-266-6882
SAINT PAUL PARKS & FORESTRY, ZACH JORGENSEN	651-632-2436
XCEL ENERGY GAS DIVISION, MIKE MADIGAN	651-265-7068
XCEL ENERGY ELECTRIC DIVISION, JOE COOK	651-229-2913
XCEL ENERGY EMERGENCY	1-800-895-2999
METRO TRANSIT GENERAL INFORMATION	612-373-333
PROJECT UPDATES	651-266-7623
RECYCLING HOT LINE	651-222-7678

May 9, 2016

Dear Wheelock Parkway Resident:

This is to notify you that reconstruction for the **Wheelock Parkway Reconstruction Project** is scheduled for your neighborhood this summer. We hope to keep you updated on the progress of construction in your area and answer any questions you may have while construction activity is going on. In some cases, it may be necessary to contact other sources since there will be other utility companies also working in your area. Overall, we are sure the long-term benefits will exceed the inconveniences you will be faced with during construction.

The general contractor for this project is **Palda and Sons, Inc. (Palda), 1462 Dayton Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104. Palda's office number is 651-644-1604.** Palda will also have several subcontractors working for them doing specialized work at various times during the project.

At this time, we anticipate Palda starting roadway work on May 31st, depending on the **weather and the schedule of associated utility work**.





Mail delivery to curbside boxes will be relocated temporarily to a central location during construction. They will be restored following completion.

Project Inspector Don Miller will be overseeing all of the work on this project and working closely with the contractor. He is the closest link to problem-solving because he communicates with everyone on the construction site on a daily basis.

If you have **any special landscaping items in the boulevard that you would like to save**, we suggest removing them as soon as possible and storing them until the seeding and boulevard/sidewalk work has been completed. Anything left in the boulevard may be removed and disposed of by the contractor.

If you have a **brick driveway/outwalk or a special outwalk that you wish to save and reuse**, you should remove those features before the contractor begins work on your block. If you don't remove them, the contractor will remove them and dispose of the materials.

WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Children are usually attracted by activity and heavy equipment. For safety reasons, we ask your help in keeping children away from the construction area since they cannot always be seen by workers intent on their jobs. There will be opportunities to watch from yards where it is safe.

The typical workday is 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. During that time, parking restrictions may apply in some areas. Watch for signs to be posted if there are restrictions. During the evening hours from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and on weekends, parking will be allowed if job site conditions permit. Occasionally, the contractor may work past 6:00 p.m. or on a weekend. If it appears they are still working, we suggest parking at some other location until they cease operations for the day. In the event of an emergency so that you must park on the street during work hours, please leave your address on the dash so we can have you move your car if it is in the way.

Seed that is placed is guaranteed by our contractor for 60-days. Since **new seeding requires frequent watering**, we ask for your cooperation and assistance in watering your new boulevard seeding. After the **60-day-guarantee period** expires, the homeowner will be responsible for the maintenance of the seed in the boulevard. After the first year it will be necessary to do additional fertilizing and frequent watering for three-to-four years until the seed is fully established.

If you wish to have concrete work performed on your property, the Public Works Sidewalk Division has a list of licensed and insured contractors. For a copy of that list, please call the **Public Works Sidewalk Division at 651-266-6120**.

During construction activity, temporary lights may be installed when the lanterns are removed. Sometimes during construction the circuits for these temporary lights may be disrupted. Please call the **Public Works Street Lighting Maintenance Division at 651-266-9777** to report any outages you notice. A repair will be undertaken as soon as possible. These temporary street lights will be in use until the new street lighting system is energized.

If you have an **underground sprinkler system in the boulevard or public right-of-way (R.O.W.)**, it is your responsibility to remove the system before our contractor begins work, repair the system if the contractor damages it, and replace the system after the contractor has completed placing seed in the boulevard or R.O.W. Where there is no sidewalk, the sprinkler system should be removed two-to-three feet behind the R.O.W. or city property line.

During the course of the work, there will be a period of time when access to your home by your driveway will be difficult and sometimes not possible.

Typically, this occurs with the beginning of the sub-grade correction work through the construction of your driveway apron, including adequate concrete curing time. You will receive further information on this as the work unfolds. Alley access will be maintained at all times.

Damaged concrete driveway aprons will be reconstructed where legal driveways currently exist. The width will be ten (10) feet or will match the existing driveway width, whichever is greater. These outwalks will be three (3) feet wide, unless a wider poured concrete walk exists in the boulevard prior to construction work. Custom outwalks (colored, curved, flared, stamped, etc.) will be replaced with standard outwalks, placed perpendicular to the curb. No custom outwalks will be replaced in kind.

New outwalks shall be placed five (5) feet from existing trees, even if the existing outwalk is closer to the tree(s). This prevents damage to the tree(s) and helps to reduce tree-heaved sidewalk panels in the future. Any questions you have regarding this policy should be addressed to the Construction Division prior to work beginning on your block.

The Construction Division will make every effort to keep you informed of all aspects of work on this project and to keep you current with the progress of the work. There are many variables affecting a construction schedule (i.e., weather, and utility conflicts and upgrades) making it a rather unpredictable affair. We will give you our best projection of work planned for the next week. These **updates will be made available to you by calling 651-266-ROAD (651-266-7623)**. This same information will also be **available on the Internet at http://www.stpaul.gov/construction**. You may also call any of the numbers listed on the first page if you have questions about the project.

"DON'T STOP RECYCLING!"

You can recycle all summer long even though your street is scheduled for construction. Set your materials close to the street in a visible place. If the regular recycling trucks cannot get through your street, they will use a smaller truck to collect your recycling. They may pick up recycling on your street earlier or later than other streets in your neighborhood, or they may need to return the following morning to access your street. **Please have your recycling out by 7:00 a.m. and leave it out until noon the next day**. If they miss your recycling or if you have questions, please call the **Recycling Hotline at 651-222-SORT (7678)**.

Thank you,

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Street Design and Construction Division

Project Area Map on Reverse Side —

Project Area Map



Cross Section Rendering of Wheelock Parkway no Median

(Rice Street to Gateway Trail)



Cross Section Rendering of Wheelock Parkway with Center Median (Gateway Trail to Parkway Drive)

